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EVENTS OF THE DAY

News Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

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Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

A Georgia negro has been lynched for wounding a white man.

France is alarmed lest American competition kill the lace industry.

Honey has called on United Railway employees to testify against Calhoun.

Two Americans confined in a Mexican prison for murder have been liberated.

Tennessee lynchings are to be punished for contempt of the Federal Supreme court.

Numerous earthquake shocks have been felt near Oaxaca, Mexico. A serious shock is feared.

Astronomers in the East have discovered a huge comet, which is visible in the early morning hours.

What is declared to be the finest Masonic temple in the world has just been dedicated at Indianapolis.

Wheat, corn and oats have taken another advance at Chicago, causing great excitement. All made new high records.

The drought in the vicinity of Vera Cruz, Mexico, is so serious that many people are leaving. Wolves and dogs have gone mad and many natives have been bitten.

The British war scare against Germany is condemned as hysteria.

French seamen have gone on strike, tying up shipping at all the principal ports.

The government has disapproved the charges that Henry is in its pay while prosecuting grafters.

A big Eastern syndicate is said to be preparing to operate a string of 30 dry goods stores in the West.

A San Francisco chemist claims to have discovered a method of making whiskey non-intoxicating, but exhibiting.

Evidence is being gathered that explorers from Sweden came to America in 1362, more than a century before Columbus.

It is said that the reforms demanded by Great Britain and the United States have not been put into effect in the Congo Free State.

The Criminal court of Venezuela has dismissed the charge against President Castro of complicity in a plot to murder President Gomez.

Because the senate refuses to consider legislation aside from the tariff measure, many river and harbor improvements are being held up, including those of the Northwest.

France has decided to materially increase her navy.

A change in lumber duties is likely to be adopted by the senate.

The bill against big hats has been rejected by the Illinois legislature.

Prominent New Yorkers have been indicted for coal land frauds in Wyoming.

Abdul Hamid is said to have turned over \$5,000,000 more to the Turkish government.

Celestino Castro, brother of the deposed president of Venezuela, has been ordered to leave Caracas.

Great Britain will start construction on four more Dreadnaughts before the close of the present fiscal year.

Jap strikers on the Hawaiian plantations are to invade Honolulu and parade. It is estimated there will be from 3,000 to 4,000 in line.

President Taft has nominated Charles D. Elliott, of the Minnesota Supreme court, as a justice of the Supreme court of the Philippines.

Railway freight troubles have just begun. Actions are to be commenced against roads operating into Pacific coast terminals demanding the same treatment as Spokane.

Every employee of the Standard Oil company suspended work two hours during the funeral of H. H. Rogers, vice president of the company. There are 67,000 on the payroll.

A controlling interest in the St. Paul Pioneer Press has been sold to the St. Paul Dispatch.

William Adler, the New Orleans bank wrecker, has been given six years in the penitentiary.

Allen Parker, a member of the British parliament declares that the race to build dreadnaughts is crazy and sinful.

Wheat has reached \$1.30 at Chicago and \$1.63 at Cincinnati.

More Jap laborers on Hawaiian plantations have gone on strike and 6,000 men are now involved.

The Philippine general assembly has passed a resolution declaring in favor of the independence of the islands.

Evidence is being secured at Chicago that various labor leaders called strikes in order to levy blackmail on employers.

WAR AT SEATTLE.

Fair Exhibitors Will Resist Efforts to Deface Grounds With Shops.

Seattle, Wash., May 25.—War to a finish with an appeal to the courts, through injunction proceedings, if necessary, was decided upon Sunday by the A. Y. P. exhibitors who are resisting the efforts of the exposition company to erect booths on grounds already allotted to various states, Oregon being the first to precipitate the fight against the unseemly disfigurement of its beautiful grounds.

To carry this determination into effect, an organization to be known as the Exhibitors' club, was formed at the Oregon building. Colonel J. A. Filcher, executive commissioner for California, was elected treasurer, chairman, and W. H. Wehrung, president of the Oregon commission, was elected secretary. Attorney General Crawford, who had been summoned to advise the Oregon commission as to its rights in the controversy, took the position that the exposition authorities had no right to erect booths on the Oregon grounds, or on any other grounds assigned to different states, counties and the government. Encouraged by this view of the situation a resolution was unanimously adopted at the meeting firmly protesting against locating any booths on any grounds without permission.

Meanwhile the exposition authorities are standing pat and say they will erect the 100 booths planned. They promise to incur as little friction as possible, but declare their authority is supreme, and they must have their way. Should the Exhibitors' club be upheld in the courts, and it now seems sure the case will reach the courts, it will devolve upon the exposition authorities to establish a special place for the booths, as the exposition authorities themselves declare that the booths should not be installed in the court of honor, thus marring that bright feature of the grounds.

CUT GOVERNMENT EXPENSES

Taft's Policy of Economy Being Carried Out in All Departments.

Washington, May 25.—Secretary Meyer has cut off \$10,000,000 in Navy department estimates for the next fiscal year. This is a sample of what may be expected on the part of other cabinet officials.

It may not be possible to reduce expenditures in all departments to a noticeable degree as in those pertaining to the army and navy branches of the military service, but the thing that will be accomplished in all directions is a more intelligent idea of the relations between, or rather harmonizing of, estimates and appropriations.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVane expects to have in hand by June 1 estimates of all heads of departments. Between then and the time for the meeting of congress in regular session in December, painstaking study and investigation with a view to ascertaining the exact requirements of various bureaus embraced in different departments, or just what work each is performing and a detailed analysis of results as compared to expense involved, will be carried on.

REVOLUTION IS ACTIVE.

Santo Domingo Republic in Throes of Another Strife.

Cape Haytian, Hayti, May 25.—The revolutionary movement is spreading. General Camacho, the ex-governor of Monte Christi, who is working in union with General Quirito Felice for the overthrow of the government, has attacked and seized Guayabin and Dajabon, which are on the Haytian frontier, the Dajabon river being the north-west boundary between Hayti and the Dominican republic.

There has been fighting between the revolutionists and the loyal forces at Monte Christi.

The fate of Jose Borlas, governor of Puerto Plata, is not known, but it is reported he is either dead or a prisoner. Communications are interrupted, and government troops are expected to reach the disaffected districts by sea.

China is Standing Firm.

Lisbon, May 25.—The dispute between Portugal and China over the possession of the dependencies of Macao has become acute. The Portuguese government is sending General Jose Machado to induce China to come to an amicable agreement, notwithstanding the fact that the government has received word that China absolutely refuses to enter into negotiations with the Portuguese delegates unless Portugal announces the dependencies, including the neighboring islands.

Dreadnaughts to Grow.

London, May 25.—Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, in replying to criticisms on the government's naval policy, said today that the battleships to be built under this year's tleships would be at least 30 per cent superior to their immediate predecessors. In what way that superiority is to be obtained has not been entirely disclosed, but at least two of the improvements to be introduced have been made known.

U. P. Orders 100 Engines.

Dunkirk, N. Y., May 25.—It is reported that the Union Pacific railroad has placed an order for 100 engines with the American Locomotive company and that they will be built at the Schenectady and Brooks plants.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS MADE.

Geological Survey Furnishes Valuable Lane County Data.

Salem—Advance sheets of a topographic map covering 138,000 acres of the Willamette valley between Eugene and Junction City have been received in Salem. This area was surveyed during the summer of 1908 by the state engineer in co-operation with the United States geological survey. The finished map, to be published for distribution, can be obtained for 5 cents a copy by addressing the United States Geological survey, Washington, D. C.

The map shows at a glance the irrigation and drainage possibilities of this section and will prove invaluable to the commercial interests of Eugene. It shows but one or two houses to the square mile. By promoting and encouraging the practice of irrigation and more intensive and diversified farming, this map, it is believed, should show from 20 to 60 houses to the square mile.

ROAD FRANCHISE SECURED.

Eastern Capitalists Said to Be Interested in Coos Bay Project.

Marshfield—The terms of the franchise granted to J. H. Somers and J. F. Clark for an electric railroad on the county roads have been made public. The commissioners have given them the privilege of choosing between the road from Myrtle Point to Roseburg or the Coos bay wagon road from Sumner to Myrtle Point. The franchise provides that those receiving the franchise must select one of the two routes and begin work of construction within six months and have half of the line completed within eighteen months, and all completed within Coos county in two years.

The same parties promoted the efforts of the Coquille Mill & Mercantile company at Coquille in securing a franchise for a road through that city. Somers and Clark have not yet divulged their plans further than to state that outside capital will be interested.

Forest Grove Wants Railway.

Forest Grove—Trouble is being experienced in securing right of way between this city and Verbena for the United Railways, and unless settlers along the route agree to terms within the next few days it is probable that the line will not be built to this city. The business men of Forest Grove are doing all in their power to induce the owners of property to sell the right of way, as failure of the line to build to this city would not only be a great loss to the town, but would also retard the growth of the country adjacent.

Flowing Wells at North Powder.

North Powder—After finding a strong flow of artesian water on the Chris Johnson ranch, a mile southeast of town, at 187 feet, the Gilkinson & Butler well boring outfit has left to put down a well for the Mt. Carmel school, six miles west of here. This is the fourth artesian well found in and close to North Powder at less than 500 feet. A. L. Lunt, 181 feet; A. Hutchinson's, 200 feet; H. E. Hall's, 424 feet. The water is clear, cold and free from alkali in every instance.

Freewater Really Active.

Freewater—Sales of real estate have been active this week. Hall and Korts have sold 11 acres of alfalfa land at \$200 an acre for Nelson Allen to Miss Grundy, of Boston, Mass.; 40 acres of alfalfa land from Harry Badger to J. Adrain, for \$5,000, and nine acres of fruit land from W. F. Korts to J. J. Gaumer at \$300 an acre. Fred Moreley has sold his lively barn in Freewater to J. Usher, of Walla Walla. Fruit is looking good.

Good Meeting Assured.

The coming Pacific Coast Brotherhood conventions of the Presbyterian church are getting hold of the men of the church. The ministers are taking a back seat while the laymen are running things. The program of the Portland convention includes the names of leading laymen of the state and the national officers of the Brotherhood. Every Presbyterian business man in the state is being invited to attend.

Japs Set Out Fruit Trees.

Dufur—On the farm of the Columbia Land & Produce company, located near here, there has just been set out 25,000 fruit trees. This company, composed entirely of Japanese, has 5,000 acres of land here, of which all is being farmed and set to fruit. The company now have several hundred acres of potatoes and peas. There are about 80 Japanese laborers employed on the farm.

Loraine Farms Are Sold.

Eugene—The Churchill Mathews company, of Portland, has closed a \$65,000 deal for a number of farms in the Loraine country. It is presumed the purchasing company will plant these tracts to walnuts and fruits. The farms include the choicest in that section of the country. The company holds options on several other places in the same neighborhood.

Face Potato Famine.

Marshfield—Coos county is facing a potato famine and it is expected that the prices will soar higher and reach the record mark in this locality. There are practically no old potatoes obtainable and dealers are offering as high as 2 cents a pound. The shortage is not confined to Coos county but the district in general is affected.

WILL SPEND MILLIONS.

O. R. & N. Company Gives Out Plans for Extensive Improvements.

Salem—According to evidence introduced before the commission in the Eastern Oregon grain rates investigation, the Oregon Railway & Navigation company contemplates the expenditure of more than \$5,500,000 during the next year, beginning June 1. Testimony to this effect was offered by the railroad company to show that a reduction of the rates at this time would be unfair.

The largest item in the detailed statement presented is that of the bridge across the Willamette river at Portland, for which plans have been perfected. This structure is to cost the railroad company \$1,250,000. The next largest item is for straightening the track and eliminating curves between The Dalles and Coyote, \$1,000,000.

The statement also includes the purchase of more depot ground at The Dalles at a cost of \$71,000; ground for and the construction of a roundhouse at Pendleton to cost a total of \$48,000; a new station and additional grounds at Baker City to cost \$38,000. The other items include straightening track and ballasting the main line and improving branch lines. The entire amount aggregates \$3,528,738 85.

The hearing is the final one in regard to the grain rates which have engaged so much of the time of the commission for the past 12 months. It will probably be some time before the result of the hearings will be known.

California Capital to Klamath.

Klamath Falls—Southern California capital is to be interested in Klamath Falls if the transfer of the large tract of land adjoining the city on the west is completed. John J. Fitzpatrick, representing a number of San Diego capitalists, has taken an option on 500 acres of land belonging to Moore Brothers. The option is for 30 days and involves approximately \$40,000. The land involved lays in West Klamath Falls and reaches from Lake Ewauna to the Upper Klamath lake. There is a water front of almost two miles.

Condon Needs Rain Quickly.

Condon—Weather conditions for the past month have been most unfavorable in this locality. There has not been any rain for over two months. Grain is looking well and growing, some of it beginning to head out, although it is only about a foot in height. Farmers who were interviewed say that if a good rain comes within 10 days it will be all right for the wheat. Others say that they will not have more than half a crop. A number of fields through the country have been allowed to go to weeds.

Complaints Against Rates.

Salem—D. B. Chamberlen, of Cottage Grove, a poultry raiser, has filed an informal complaint with the railroad commission in which he charges that the rates on fancy poultry and eggs enforced by the Southern Pacific are prohibitive. M. C. Smith asks that the Southern Pacific be compelled to construct a small freight shed at Walker, a flag station on the Southern Pacific, toward the southern part of the state.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.30@1.35; club, \$1.20; valley, \$1.17. Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36 per ton. Barley—Feed, \$35 per ton. Oat—No. 1 white, \$40.50@41 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18@20; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$13@14; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$14@14.50; vetch, \$14@14.50.

Fruits—Apples, 65c@82.50 per box; strawberries, Oregon, 12c@15c. Potatoes—\$1.25@2 per hundred.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound; asparagus, 7c@12c per pound; lettuce, head, 25c@75c per dozen; onions, 12c@15c per dozen; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 2c@3c per pound.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 28c; fancy outside creamery, 26c@28c; store, 18c. Butter fat prices average 1c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 23c@24c per dozen. Poultry—Hens, 15c@16c; broilers, 28c@30c; fryer, 22c@25c; roosters, 10c; ducks, 14c@15c; geese, 10c@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 10c per pound. Veal—Extras, 8c per pound; ordinary, 7c; heavy, 6c.

Hops—1909 contracts, 10c per pound; 1908 crop, 8c@8.5c; 1907 crop, 3c@4c; 1906 crop, 1c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 17c@22c per pound; valley, fine, 24c; medium, 23c; coarse, 21c; mohair, choice, 24c@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$5.25@5.50; fair to good, \$4.75@5; common to medium, \$4@4.50; cows, top, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$3.75@4.25; common to medium, \$2.50@3.50; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$3@3.50; common, \$2@2.75.

Hogs—Best, \$7.50@7.75 fair to good, \$7.25@7.50; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4@4.50; fair to good, \$3.50@4; ewes, 1c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; spring lambs, \$5@5.50.

ROADS BLOCK SPOKANE.

Will Appeal for Rehearing in Recent Rate Decision.

Spokane, Wash., May 21.—Information comes direct from Washington today that the further plan of the railroads is to prevent final determination of the rate questions involved until after the members of the commission separate for the summer.

The further plan is outlined that immediately after the Spokane jobbers file supplemental petition asking that the commission disapprove of the rates which have been filed with it by the railroads, the railway companies will petition for a rehearing on all the questions which have been presented and decided by the commission.

In the meantime it is predicted the schedule of rates submitted to the commission will be published by the railroad companies and will become effective rates until the question can be once more brought before the commission and argued.

The representatives of the railroad companies expect that the Interstate Commerce commission will order that the rates established by the commission in the rate case will not become effective until after the hearing on the petition for a reopening of the case, and it is clear that if a rehearing is granted Spokane will have to accept the schedule of rates as presented by the railroads until after the final determination of the rehearing.

COWBOYS ATTACK HERDERS

Sheepmen Are Injured and 3,000 of Their Flocks Killed.

Grand Junction, Colo., May 21.—As a result of a battle between sheepmen and cowboys on a contested range near Atchee, Colo., yesterday 3,000 head of sheep were killed and two sheepmen were injured. The sheep, which belonged to S. A. Taylor and R. A. Tawney, were grazing on a range near the hamlet of Carbinero.

It appears that the cowboys dashed in upon the herders and tied them to trees, and then rode out and killed the sheep. They first cut the telephone wires. Several hours later the sheep herders were liberated.

The authorities of Garfield county have been notified, but it is not believed the cowboys will be captured. The range in which the crime was committed has long been a contested one, and several murders have resulted from quarrels over it.

Warrants have been issued by the authorities of both Mesa and Garfield counties for the arrest of 16 raiders, several of whom are said to be known to the sheepmen.

Late tonight the sheepmen in this section of the state arranged for a mass meeting, at which substantial rewards will be offered for the arrest and conviction of the raiders.

NEW GRAIN ROAD.

Hill Announces New Branch Line Into Wheat Belt.

Seattle, May 21.—Great Northern railroad officials announced today that a branch line of the road would be built from Wilson Creek south to Connell, the junction of the Northern Pacific and the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. The move is one that has been projected by the Hill lines for years, and is said in the local offices to mark the first step in the contest for Eastern Washington territory between the Hill and Milwaukee interests.

The branch line, as planned, will depart from the main line at Wilson Creek and will follow the Crab creek valley until it swings off to the east of Moses lake, traversing the low country east of the Saddle mountains and connecting with the Northern Pacific main line at Connell.

The branch line, which affords a new outlet for the wheat farmers of Grant and Douglas counties, Washington, will be connected ultimately from Connell to connect with the North Bank line below Pasco, securing a water grade for wheat trains from the fields to Portland.

Halibut Trust Planned.

Tacoma, Wash., May 21.—Dissatisfied with the low prices the fisheries companies are paying for halibut, the owners of the Puget sound fishing boats are planning to form a combination and to establish a joint fisheries company, with headquarters in Tacoma and agencies throughout the East. While the retail price of halibut is said by the fishermen to be about the same, they are only getting from 1c to 1 1/2 cents at the fisheries companies. With the forming of the combination they would get from 8 to 10 cents.

Anaconda Shows Loss.

New York, May 21.—The annual report of the Anaconda Copper Mining company for the year ending December 31, last, issued today, shows that during the first six months of the year 1908 the company suffered an actual loss, owing to the shutdown of operations in January and February of that year. The income for the year was \$15,604,482, a decrease of \$3,146,652 from 1907. The expenses were \$14,658,519, a decrease of \$944,842.

Salvation Army Convenes.

Chicago, May 21.—Four hundred members of the Salvation Army were in attendance at the national congress of the Western America district, which opened a five days' meeting here today. Commander Eva Booth addressed the congress.

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